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REMARKS

The Disclosure has been objected to for including Fig. 3, which is not described in the Specification. In the above Amendment, Figure 3 has been deleted from the Drawings.

The Disclosure has been objected to for including a hyperlink. In the above Amendment to the Specification, the sentence containing the hyperlink has been removed.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Brockway in view of Applicants' Specification. Specifically, according to the rejection, Brockway "discloses a system to automatically detect and install a printer **on a network** ... in which the system detects the presence of the printer, identifies the manufacturer and model number of the printer, and configures the system to operate said printer ..." (emphasis added).

However, Brockway does not in fact teach detecting and installing a printer on a network. Rather, Brockway as a whole relates to a "Plug and Play" system by which "peripheral devices are configured to identify themselves *to the computer system* to which they are attached" (Brockway, column 1, lines 18-20, emphasis added). As can be seen in Figures 2 or 3 of Brockway, a peripheral device such as printer 88 is connected only to a client computer 24; the client computer 24 connects to a server 52 via a network 38. Significantly, in Brockway, the printer 88 is **not** directly connected to the network 38.

Claim 1, from which all other claims are dependent, has been amended above to clarify that the recited steps are directed to discovering a printer on a network, and that the recited modification to the XcvData function causes a pointer to a data structure including data useful in network port creation for the printer, one example of which is, as stated at the first paragraph of page 6 as filed, port details for a given model of printer as obtained from the TCPMON.INI file in Windows® 2000. This amendment clearly distinguishes claim 1 from the "peripheral" (printer directly to computer) setup in Brockway.

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With regard to the secondary reference, the teachings in the Specification, as clearly set forth at page 7, lines 1-18 of the Specification as filed, the application of the claimed invention in the Windows® 2000 environment goes against the specific teachings in the basic Windows® 2000 documentation. Specifically, *and as specifically pointed out in the language of claim 1*, when using XcvData according to the basic Windows® 2000 documentation, there is a pointer to a data structure; as stated in the Specification as filed at page 6, line 27- page 7, line 7, according to the original Windows® 2000 documentation, the parameters associated with XcvData are simply "not used."

In summary, Brockway is directed to a non-network connection of a peripheral to a single computer, and claim 1 has been amended to clearly state that the printer is connected to a network. Further, the invention, as explicitly claimed, goes against the basic teaching of the Windows® 2000 documentation. For this reason, the claimed invention is not obvious in view of the references.

Claims 2-4 are deemed allowable as being dependent from Claim 1 as amended.

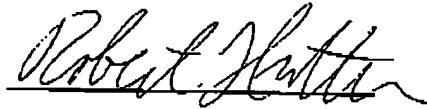
The claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-3811, Rochester, NY.

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